

HELLER, LORENZ ALBERT  
July 10, 1930-March 31, 2010

A memorial service for Lorenz Albert Heller, 79, was conducted on Monday, April 5, 2010, at the Covenant Lutheran Church, 1863 South Road in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Elder David Muhlenkamp officiating. Inurnment will follow in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 31, 2010.

Lorenz was born July 10, 1930 in Harrison, Nebraska, the son of Adolph and Clara (Fisher) Lorenz Heller. He was reared and educated around Harrison, Nebraska and Van Tassel and Fort Laramie, Wyoming. In 1950, he graduated from Ft. Laramie High School. Following graduation he did some truck driving and some farming and worked as a ranch and farmhand for a few years.

Around 1952 he met Frances Babb, and they were married in April of 1954. Lorenz spent 22 years as a journeyman carpenter on construction work throughout Wyoming and parts of Colorado. He helped in the building of Missouri Basin Power Plant, Western Wyoming College, many commercial buildings throughout Wyoming as well as most of the schools in Wheatland and a number of bridges in Wyoming and Colorado.

Lorenz was a member of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America for 49 years. He was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for 57 years and served in the priesthood first as a Deacon and then as a Priest. He was the Pastor of the Rock Springs Wyoming Mission for about six years and for several years later was ordained as an Elder in the Restoration Branch; serving as pastor of the Torrington-Restoration Study group for 24 years.

Lorenz's main joy in life was serving the Lord and second to it was living for his family. He enjoyed working with wood crafting, building, oil painting, leather craft, gardening, horseback riding, and breaking some horses to ride. He raised prize-winning Hereford cattle as a young man; and, later in life raised Long Horn cattle as a hobby. He loved nature and always liked to watch geese and hawks in flight as well as enjoying and feeding a variety of birds.

His children and grandchildren were his greatest joy. In his later years, he babysat his two youngest grandsons, Logan and Kelby Walker, developing a close relationship with them. They became his buddies and wherever he went, they were with him. He spent many hours in prayer for all his grandchildren; they were dear to his heart.

He leaves his wife, Frances of Wheatland; two daughters, Robin Pickett of Independence, Missouri and Leah Walker of Wheatland; six grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren; four sisters, Hazel Hoekstra of Portland, Oregon, Dorothy Peterson, Woonsocket, South Dakota, Claretta Benesh and Della Wolfe, both of Casper; and three brothers; Harry Heller of Torrington, Wyoming, Leslie Heller of Cheyenne, Wyoming and Lavern Heller of Riverton, Wyoming.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Kurt Heller; two great grandchildren, Layne Allard and Jeremiah Pickett; and four sisters, Blondina Heller, Freda Heller, Elsie Keeran, and Alberta Everett.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were his brothers, grandsons and granddaughters.